

In the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for registering biometric information for use in a smartcard system, said method comprising:

receiving a proffered biometric sample at a ~~contacting an authorized~~ sample receiver;  
~~proffering a biometric to a biometric sensor to facilitate said biometric being scanned by~~  
~~said sensor such that said sensor obtains a biometric sample; and~~

receiving ~~providing~~ user information and smartcard information ~~to said system at said~~  
~~sample receiver; to facilitate said system and~~

associating said proffered biometric sample with said user information and said smartcard information to create a data packet, wherein said proffered biometric sample is associated with at least two accounts, wherein each of said at least two accounts includes at least one of: a charge card account, a credit card account, a debit card account, a savings account, a private label account and a loyalty point account.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of receiving said proffered biometric sample at ~~contacting an~~ said authorized sample receiver includes ~~contacting an~~ said authorized sample receiver contacting through at least one of a computer, Internet, software, hardware, a third-party biometric entity, a kiosk, a biometric registration terminal, and a communication device.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of ~~providing user information and smartcard information to said system to facilitate said system associating~~ receiving said proffered biometric sample further includes ~~facilitates~~ at least one of: processing, storing, comparing, and verifying said proffered biometric sample

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of ~~providing~~ associating said proffered biometric sample with said user information and said smartcard information ~~to said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric sample with user information and smartcard information~~ further includes ~~facilitates~~ associating said proffered biometric sample

with ~~at least one of~~ personal information, ~~credit card information, debit card information, savings account information, membership information, PayPal account information, Western Union Account information, electronic bill payment information, automatic bill payment information and loyalty point information.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of ~~providing~~ associating said proffered biometric sample with said user information and said smartcard information ~~to said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric sample~~ further facilitates includes storing said data packet on a database, wherein said database is contained in at least one of a smartcard, a smartcard reader, a sensor, a remote server, a merchant server and said smartcard system.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein said step of providing user information and smartcard information to said system to facilitate said system associating said proffered biometric sample with user information and smartcard information~~ further including facilitates facilitating registration of a second proffered biometric sample.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of ~~providing~~ associating said proffered biometric sample with said user information and said smartcard information ~~to said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric sample with user information and smartcard information~~ facilitates includes associating different proffered biometric samples with a different one of: personal information, charge card information, credit card information, debit card information, savings account information, membership information, PayPal account information, Western Union Account information, electronic bill payment information, automatic bill payment information and loyalty point information.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of ~~providing~~ associating said proffered biometric sample with said user information and said smartcard information ~~to said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric~~ facilitates includes primarily associating the said proffered biometric sample with ~~at least one of~~ a first user information, wherein said first user information comprises at least one of personal information, credit card information, charge card information, debit card information, savings account information, membership information, PayPal account information, Western Union Account information,

electronic bill payment information, automatic bill payment information and loyalty point information, and ~~wherein said step facilitates~~ secondarily associating the said proffered biometric sample with at least one of a second user information, wherein said second user information comprises at least one of personal information, credit card information, charge card information, debit card information, savings account information, membership information, PayPal account information, Western Union Account information, electronic bill payment information, automatic bill payment information and loyalty point information, and wherein said second user information is different than said first user information.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of providing associating said proffered biometric sample with said user information and said smartcard information to said system to facilitate said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric facilitates includes associating a first proffered biometric sample with a first user information, wherein said first user information comprises at least one of personal information, credit card information, charge card information, debit card information, savings account information, membership information, PayPal account information, Western Union Account information, electronic bill payment information, automatic bill payment information and loyalty point information, and ~~wherein said step of providing user information facilitates associating~~ facilitating registration of a second proffered biometric sample further facilitates by associating a said second proffered biometric sample with a second user information, wherein said second user information comprises at least one of personal information, credit card information, charge card information, debit card information, savings account information, membership information, PayPal account information, Western Union Account information, electronic bill payment information, automatic bill payment information and loyalty point information.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of providing associating said proffered biometric sample with said user information and said smartcard information to said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric facilitates includes associating a first proffered biometric sample with a first user information, wherein said first user information comprises at least one of personal information, credit card information, charge card information, debit card information, savings account information, membership information, PayPal account

information, Western Union Account information, electronic bill payment information, automatic bill payment information and loyalty point information, and ~~wherein said step of providing user information further facilitates associating~~ a second proffered biometric sample with a second user information, wherein said second user information comprises at least one of personal information, charge card information, credit card information, debit card information, savings account information, membership information, PayPal account information, Western Union Account information, electronic bill payment information, automatic bill payment information and loyalty point information, wherein said second user information is different than said first user information.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of providing associating said proffered biometric sample with said user information and said smartcard information to said system to facilitate said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric facilitates includes associating a plurality of proffered biometric samples with user information, wherein each proffered biometric sample is associated with different user information.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 1, wherein ~~said step of~~ further comprising verifying said proffered biometric sample using a secondary identification by providing user information further facilitates at least one of: processing, storing, comparing, and verifying said biometric sample; wherein said step of verifying includes facilitating the use of one or more a secondary security procedure procedures.

13. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising associating said data packet with a personal identification number to facilitate access to said data packet.

14. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of receiving said proffered biometric sample at said sample receiver includes receiving said proffered biometric sample at least one of: a local database, a remote database, a portable storage device, a host system, an issuer system, a merchant system, a fob issuer system, an employer, a financial institution, a non-financial institution, a loyalty point provider, a company, the military, the government, a school, a travel entity, a transportation authority, a POS and a security company.

15. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of receiving said proffered biometric sample includes receiving at least one of: a retinal scan, an iris scan, a fingerprint scan, a hand print scan, a hand geometry scan, a voice print scan, a vascular scan, a facial scan, an ear scan, a signature scan, a keystroke scan, an olfactory scan, an auditory emissions scan, and a DNA scan.

16. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of associating said proffered biometric sample with said user information and said smartcard information includes associating a preset transaction amount with at least one of: said charge card account, said credit card account, said debit card account, said savings account, said private label account and said loyalty point account.

17. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said at least two accounts are unassociated accounts.